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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **"Method for handling data, data storage system, file system and computer program product"**

the specification of which (check only one item below):

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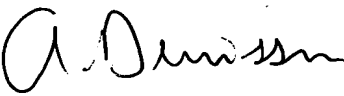


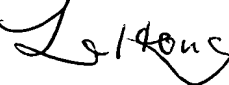
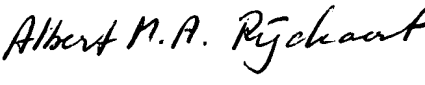
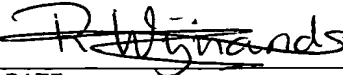
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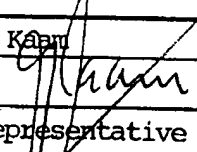
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Application No./Patent No.: Concurrently Filed/Issue Date: Concurrently

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